

Right on Target

The 2007-2008 year was one filled with many achievements for GYC. Last year's Executive Board accomplished three of their four goals that included:

- o Planning and implementing the GYC Back to School Explosion
- o Improving the quality of Full Council meetings
- o Getting more potential councilmen to become GYC councilmen
- o Increasing awareness of GYC within the community.

GYC Back to Explosion, previously named GYC Back to School Slam Jam, was a success with **over 200 high school students in attendance**. The youth were able to party for three hours, enter dance competitions for bragging rights, and win great raffle prizes such as an iPod shuffle.

Attendance raffles, more exciting icebreakers, and slide shows of the projects improved Full Council attendance and participation of the Council during meetings. GYC Councilmen numbers steadily increased throughout the year

with **at least two potential councilmen becoming GYC councilmen each month**. Splitting the role of Potential Councilmen Director into a job for three people proved to be a major help with recruiting and accomplishing the third goal.



The goal of increasing awareness of GYC within the community has been carried into this year's goals. **The Executive Board plans to meet this goal by filming a commercial.** Yes you read right we're going primetime! The fall will serve as the time to gather footage, edit, and script the commercial. By 2009, the GYC commercial will air, so be on the look out. With a commercial in the works and the new EB already hard at work, the 2008-2009 will surely be another year of great success.

Reducing Environmental Impact

GYC is continuing to make changes to everyday activities to reduce our impact on the environment. When promoting GYC events, meetings, trainings, etc mail is the main source of spreading the word. **Now email, school announcements, and phone calls will be the primary source of informing GYC councilmen.** This change will also include the mailing of the Alumni Newsletter and Connections, the newsletter for GYC Councilmen. Copies of each newsletter will be placed on line and emailed.

Mailings will continue to be used during the next few months so GYC can update email addresses and phone numbers. **We hope to significantly reduce the number of paper mailings to Councilmen by the end of this year.**

If you wish to receive the Spring 2009 Alumni Newsletter by mail, please email gyc@greensboro-nc.gov.

From the Chair



Blair Barnes

It seems like I joined GYC yesterday. With a few steps, I went from GYC Carnival major staff to Potential Councilmen Director to Recruiting Director and now

I'm proud to say that I am the new chair woman of the Greensboro Youth Council. At GYC we have a structure and order in which work should be done. I plan to meet the needs of my duties and job description. I also plan to continue the GYC tradition of hard work while still getting to know people and have a good time.

During the Executive Board Workshop the new EB formed several goals for the upcoming school year. The goals for the 2008-2009 school year include:

- *Recognizing everyone in the council
- *Improving our communication skills
- *Improving the quality of full council meetings
- *Getting more potential councilmen to become GYC councilmen
- *Increasing awareness of GYC within the community

The new Executive Board (EB) for the 2008-2009 school year is working very hard this summer to make changes and to better our youth council. The Executive Board and I look forward to a full year of service, leadership, and friendship with the councilmen of GYC. My motto about community service is: The more we serve the more we gain.